

Foundation allowing it to raise money for the sole purpose of supporting the Mitchell Center's success.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to commend the Mitchell Center for its groundbreaking work in supporting our nation's prisoners of war as we bring them home.

TRIBUTE TO THE PINELANDS CULTURAL SOCIETY

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2004

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Pinelands Cultural Society as it celebrates its 30th year of incorporation with a special celebration concert at Albert Music Hall on November 20, 2004.

The Pinelands Cultural and Historical Preservation Society is a grass roots, non-profit, all-volunteer organization that has been operating in southern New Jersey for the past three decades to preserve the cultural heritage of the New Jersey Pinelands region.

The Society's goals include preservation and stimulation of interest in South Jersey's musical and cultural heritage. Running a live show 50 Saturday nights each year, plus special occasion Sunday shows, the proceeds, along with individual donations of time, talents and money have culminated in the creation of the present 350-seat concert hall building called "Albert Music Hall" which serves as a "living history" venue for the presentation of live acoustic music concerts in the decades-old tradition of people indigenous to the Pinelands area. It also serves as a repository for extensive historic archives including audiotape and videotape recordings, documentation and photographs reflecting life in the New Jersey Pines from the early 1900s.

Albert Music Hall has been inducted into the American Folklore Center, Local Legacies Collection Archive at the Library of Congress, and is also registered in the Library of Congress' Moving Image Collections Archive Database.

Thus, I am pleased to recognize the efforts of an expert staff of volunteers for their efforts in bringing New Jersey's history to life. I congratulate them, and wish them many more decades of success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PORTER J. GOSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2004

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, this afternoon I was called away on official government business, as a result, I was not able to be present for rollcall vote 431. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes". I request that this statement appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

HONORING LAWRENCE B. MARTIN

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of Lawrence "Larry" Martin of San Francisco, California on the occasion of his retirement from 38 years of outstanding civic leadership and public service.

Upon completion of his service time on active duty in the U.S. Army, Larry began his civilian career in San Francisco in 1966. Upon joining the ranks of the platform employees of the San Francisco Municipal Railway System, he became an active member of the Transportation Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO Local 250-A. Committed to pursuing his educational interest in the labor movement, Larry attended the Labor and Management School at the University of San Francisco, took classes in Labor and Urban Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, and was later awarded his A.A. degree in Labor and Urban Studies at Merritt College in Oakland, California.

In the decades that followed, Larry would draw on these experiences to become increasingly active in the areas of labor studies and civic leadership. While serving as President of TWU Local 250-A and later as a member of the Labor Advisory Boards of the Labor Studies departments at U.C. Berkeley, San Francisco State University, the University of San Francisco, and the Community College District of San Francisco, he was also instrumental in steering various city boards and commissions. Not only did Larry serve for over 12 years on the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, but also served for over 8 years on the Planning Commission. In addition, Larry has played a vital role for several years as an Executive Board Member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, on the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Commission since 2000, as an Executive Board Member of the San Francisco Labor Council, and as the Director of the TWU California State Conference.

On September 17 and 18, 2004, Larry will be honored in San Francisco, California on the occasion of his retirement. I would like to take this opportunity to commend his exceptional achievements not only in the areas of education and labor, but also for his role as a leader in the areas of civic planning and local government. By demonstrating his commitment to the improvement of workplace standards and quality of life for all, Larry has contributed immeasurably to the community of the Bay Area, and the 9th Congressional District salutes and congratulates him for 38 remarkable years of service.

ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF COM-
MERCE'S LABORATORIES IN
BOULDER, CO

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2004

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary and rededica-

tion of the Department of Commerce laboratories located in Boulder, Colorado. Three Commerce Department agencies have labs located in Boulder: the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). As chairman of the House Science Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards, I have the honor and pleasure to be responsible for overseeing the research work of these three important research laboratories.

The Boulder laboratories were first dedicated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on September 14, 1954. Since then they have made significant contributions in such fields as precision timekeeping, nanotechnology, wireless communications, and atmospheric and climate science. This research has been critical to developments in public and private infrastructure, homeland security, and a variety of technology-based industries.

The Boulder laboratories are located on land that was donated by the citizens of Boulder who, in 1950, raised the necessary \$90,000 in funds in two weeks to purchase 217 acres for the first buildings. This generous act set the stage for the strong relationship between the Commerce laboratories and the community in Boulder that continues to this day.

The Commerce laboratories have two joint institutes with the University of Colorado at Boulder: the Joint Institute for Laboratory Astrophysics, or JILA, a partnership with NIST, and the Cooperative Institute for Research in the Environmental Sciences (CIRES), a partnership with NOAA. As a young physicist, I spent a year doing research at JILA, and have happy memories of the research and collegial atmosphere fostered by this relationship between NIST and the university.

Let me mention just a few of the recent accomplishments of the employees at the Department of Commerce's Boulder laboratories and Joint Institutes. NIST staff at Boulder include Eric Cornell, who in 2001 won the Nobel Prize for Physics together with Carl Wieman of the University of Colorado for creation of a Bose-Einstein condensate, a new state of matter. Deborah Jin recently won a MacArthur "Genius" Award to pursue research on the science of atomic clocks and lasers. Staff at the NOAA laboratories include Susan Solomon, recipient of the "Blue Planet Prize" and the 1999 National Medal of Science for her work on identifying the cause of the Antarctic Ozone Hole. Dr. Hans Liebe of NTIA won the 2002 Harry Diamond Memorial Award, the highest recognition for technical achievement given by the 235,000-member United States unit of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). This is just a sample of the hundreds of hard-working, dedicated personnel at the Boulder labs, and their contributions to American science and technology.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Department of Commerce laboratories in Boulder, Colorado on their first 50 years. Based on their performance since 1954, I believe we can expect at least another 50 years of pioneering scientific research from these outstanding institutions, their academic and industrial partners, and their many scientists and technicians.